THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BENERJEE) :

(a) to (d) No Sir, However, a few voluntary organisations have submitted proposals to the Central Government for imparting vocational training to adolescent girls in Sections of Hydrabad through the State Government of Andhra Pradesh under the Scheme for setting up of Employment-cum-Income Generating Units for Woman. A tie-up of components for health cover and non-formal education for the integrated development of these beneficiaries are also envisaged.

Rise in crime Against Women

1494. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is fact that there is a continous rise in the incidents of crime against women in the Hindi belt ;

(b) if so, what is the comparative percentage of rise in the crime incidents against women in the Hindi belt at the end of 1991 ;

(c) What are deficiencies, indentified by Government in the various laws providing constitutional and legal safeguards to wowen and the ressons for their failure to achieve the desired results ?

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(c) The Department of women and Child Development has decided to amend the laws relating to women administered by it, such as (i) The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961; (ii) The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987; (iii) The indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition)) Act, 1986 and (iv) The immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 in order to make their provisions more effective and stringent. The National Commission for Women is also to examine various laws relating to women which provide constitutional and legal safeguards to them wich is a continuing process.

Statement

Incidents of Total Crimes against Women during 1988, 1989 and 1990

Sl.	Region	1988	1989	1990	Percentage Variation in 1989 over 1988	Percentage Variation In 1990 over 1989
1	Hindi-Belt	26389	30320	31014	+14.9	+2·3
2	Non-Hindi-Belt	22224	25149	23853	+13·2	−5·2

Source : National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

NOTE : Figures are based on Monthly Crime Statistics and may be treated as provisional.